GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5527
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2000
ALLOCATION OF NAPHTHA
GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAV

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan had made a request to the UnionGovernment for the allocation of Naphtha for production of Soda Ash, Urea, Diammonia phosphate and to set up a petrochemical Complex in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government propose to encourage development of a Petrochemical Complex in Rajasthan based on Naphtha ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(Shri RAMESH BAIS)

(a) and (b) : No proposal has been received from the Government of Rajasthan for allocation of Naphtha for production of Soda Ash, Urea, Di-ammonium Phosphate and to set up a Petrochemical Complex in the State.Marketing and Pricing of Naphtha stand decontrolled with effect from 1.4.1998. Consequently, Government does not make allocation of Naphtha to consumers in various sectors, except the power sector.

(c) and (d) : Government supports the development of petrochemical industry in the country, including Rajasthan. However, initiative has to be taken by the State Industrial DevelopmentCorporations/Private entrepreneurs etc. The Government have not received any proposal for setting up petrochemical complex in Rajasthan.